

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title:	METHODS OF DETECTING POLY (ADP-RIBOSE) POLYMERASE AND OTHER NAD+ UTILIZING ENZYMES		Confirmation No.:	8169

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

M.S. Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This communication responds to the Office Action mailed on April 27, 2009. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the rejections in view of the following amendment and remarks.